

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIOTECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Biotech Resource Centres established in the country, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Ministry has received any proposal for establishing a Biotech Resource Centre from Kerala Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposed cost of the project; and
- (d) the response of the Government in this regard and the present status of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Sir, we have not established Biotech Resource Centres in the Country.
- (b) Yes Sir, a proposal for the establishment of Biotech Research Centre in Kerala submitted by Kerala Biotechnology Commission, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment was received in the Department of Biotechnology in June, 2008.
- (c) The major objective of the proposal was to establish a centre of excellence in biotechnology which provides state-of-the-art equipment and expertise to support, accelerate research process and services and training in biotechnology, at a proposed cost of Rs. 15.21 crores.
- (d) The proposal has been examined in the Department. Since there are neither deliverables nor a well defined focus, the Department is unable to fund the same. Moreover, the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) at Thiruvananthapuram has been taken over by the Department and objectives outlined for the proposed centre are already being addressed by RGCB.